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SILVER FOR BLACK

Halifax's Ellie Black performs on the uneven bars during the women's artistic gymnastics team competition at the Pan Am Games in Toronto on Sunday. Canada won silver thanks in large part to Black, who led her team with a sixth-place finish overall. See [metroSPORTS](#) for Pan Am coverage. GREGORY BULL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LABOUR

Halifax Water deal struck



Philip Croucher
Metro | Halifax

It looks like the end could finally be in sight for a lengthy strike by more than 300 workers with Halifax Water.

A deal was reached Saturday night, with voting expected to take place Monday.

Halifax Water issued a news release shortly after midnight Sunday stating the two sides have reached a tentative agreement, which will now be voted on by the 330 CUPE workers — who walked off the job about eight weeks ago — and the utility's board.

The most contentious issue between the two sides has been changes to the workers' pensions, but according to Halifax Water general manager Carl Yates, an agreement was reached when the union developed a hybrid pension proposal that both sides accepted.

"This has been a difficult time for Halifax Water employees, those at work as well as those off the job," Yates said in the Halifax Water release, adding if both sides vote to accept the offer, the next step will be "ensuring we come back together as a single, effective, efficient, respectful and caring workplace."

No details on the agreement will be released until it has been formally approved.



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Tim Rissesco (Liberal)

Why did you get into politics?

My current day job is the executive director of the Downtown Dartmouth Business Commission. Allan Rowe was on my board there, and I saw a lot of the good work that he and Premier McNeil were doing in Dartmouth South ... and I wanted to continue that great work for Dartmouth South and for the province.

Why did you join your party?

I think the Liberal party offers a balanced approach to government. They take ideas and they bring them into the tent and do what's best for the province, as opposed to being stuck on one side or the other of the ideological spectrum.

How are you involved in the community of Dartmouth South?

My day job keeps me involved fairly closely in Dartmouth ... but then I'm also involved with the organization of Natal Day, I chair the Dartmouth Christmas Tree Lighting, president of Kiwanis Club, fundraiser for the soup kitchen Margaret's House, a Beaver leader... I'm well involved in the community and I want to contribute more to it.

What's the first thing you'd do as the MLA for Dartmouth South?

I'd like to meet with seniors to address their concerns at the manors, and if I could squeeze in a second one, I'd like to meet with the school community in Southdale to make sure the school's on track to meeting their needs.

If you could have one superpower, what would it be and why?

I would like to have the ability to go back in time and change some of the mistakes previous governments have made.



Gord Gamble (PC)

Why did you get into politics?

A strong belief in the potential for Nova Scotia, and a feeling that with the right leadership and the right leadership team, we can take this province to a different economic circumstance than it is today. I think we need people stepping forward that have the experience to bring that to bear for all Nova Scotians.

Why did you join your party?

The primary reason is our leader. The reason I ran in 2013 is because of Jamie Baillie. I believe Jamie will be a strong premier for this province, and I want to do all I can to ensure he becomes the premier in 2017.

How are you involved in the community of Dartmouth South?

I'm the past president of the Rotary Club of Dartmouth, I'm the past chair of Feed Nova Scotia, I was the founding president of the Bayers Lake Business Association — because that's where I had one of my local businesses — and I'm very active in minor sports.

What's the first thing you'd do as the MLA for Dartmouth South?

I've made a commitment to a group of seniors here in Dartmouth South who I feel are living in conditions that are well below the level of conditions they should living in. So I've made a commitment that they are my first priority if I'm elected.

If you could have one superpower, what would it be and why?

I guess it would be the power to heal. I just see a lot of pain and suffering — even within this riding, but certainly around the world — but within this riding, that you would love to be able to find a way to alleviate that.



Five questions for MLA candidates



Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

Voters in Dartmouth South head to the polls Tuesday to elect an MLA for the riding, and Metro News caught up with each of the candidates to find out how

they'd represent the riding if they get the gig.

Premier Stephen McNeil called byelections for Dartmouth South and two Cape Breton ridings in June after Liberal MLA for Dartmouth South Allan Rowe died in March, and two NDP MLAs in Cape Breton retired.

Four candidates are vying

for the Dartmouth South seat in Nova Scotia's legislature: Liberal Tim Rissesco, Progressive Conservative Gord Gamble, New Democrat Marian Mancini, and independent candidate Charlene Gagnon.

Some of the candidates' answers have been edited for length.

Marian Mancini (NDP)

Why did you get into politics?

I've been a longtime New Democrat and I've been around politics for a long time, but the most motivating factor, I would say, is what I've been seeing happening with the Liberal government since they've come into power, and more recently, with the budget.

Why did you join your party?

I was in my early 20s, and basically I was inspired by Alexa McDonough. I've always been a believer in the fundamental principles that are expressed in the NDP constitution, that's essentially about making sure everybody has a decent life.

How are you involved in the community of Dartmouth South?

I'm recently retired from working in the community as a legal aid lawyer for Nova Scotia Legal Aid. I've been involved on a couple of boards throughout the years — one was the Elizabeth Fry Society, and I've been committed with them, serving as president at various times probably on and off for 20 years.

What's the first thing you'd do as the MLA for Dartmouth South?

Set up an accessible, centrally located MLA

constituency office ... I want it to be an inviting atmosphere, and I want people to feel that they can be listened to, and that their concerns can be, maybe not corrected, or solved, but that somebody's been trying to do it for them.

If you could have one superpower, what would it be and why?

I would like to be the smartest person in the world, and be able to fix a lot of the problems out there. That would be fixing poverty, and I'm not sure if having a super brain would do it, but that's what I'd like to be able to do.



(From left) Charlene Gagnon, Marian Mancini, Tim Rissesco and Gord Gamble share a laugh at a photo shoot Sunday afternoon at Sullivan's Pond in Dartmouth. PHOTOS BY: JEFF HARPER/METRO

Charlene Gagnon (Independent)

Why did you get into politics?

I got into politics because I was concerned about the lack of representation shown in government, especially with the passing of the last spring budget. I feel that too many people are marginalized from politics and the electoral process, and I thought it was time for a regular person to get involved.

Why didn't you join a party?

I feel that when you get involved with party politics, you aren't free to represent the interest of the people. It's more related to toeing the party line and doing politics in a way that benefits the party as a whole, rather than the constituents on a more direct level.

How are you involved in the community of Dartmouth South?

I'm involved in the music community in Dartmouth South and I started the Downtown Dartmouth Facebook page back in 2011 and have been regularly an administrator on that right up until the election was called. I used to own a weekend bookstore and café in the Harbourview Market.

What's the first thing you'd do as the MLA for Dartmouth South?

The very first thing that I would do would be looking at ways to both be able to effectively communicate and get input from the constituents, both virtually and face to face. It would be about setting up systems so that I could fulfil my promise of representation.

If you could have one superpower, what would it be and why?

My kids are autistic, and they're autistic-savant. In a lot of ways, I view their memories as being a superpower, and I would kill to have that kind of very photographic, direct, immediate recall type of memory. That would definitely be a superpower I would love to have.





Renee Postma, left, and daughter Livvy catch a glimpse of husband and father, Senior Hull Tech Brian Postma, as HMCS Fredericton pulls up to port in Halifax on Sunday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Reunited after months at sea

HMCS FREDERICTON

Navy ship returns from mission in Mediterranean



Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

After nearly seven months with her husband at sea, the grass is getting long at Angeline Clarke's house.

But Leading Seaman Lawrence Clarke is home from his first deployment with the Canadian Navy, and he's ready to get back to family life — and his chores.

Clarke was the first sailor off the ship Sunday when HMCS

Fredericton returned home from 6-1/2 months in the Mediterranean Sea as part of Operation Reassurance, to show military support for Canada's NATO allies in Eastern Europe.

He rushed off the ship and down the stairs, embracing his wife for a long kiss, and dipping her down, to play it up for his shipmates, who had some other suggestions for Clarke that he didn't feel bore repeating.

"That's about the tamest thing I could do of all the suggestions I got," he said.

Clarke and his wife have been married for 25 years, and this deployment was the most time they'd ever spent apart. He said being away from family is the worst part, but he loves the work.

Renee Postma and her daughter Livvy couldn't contain their



Master Seaman David Johnson, centre, gets a hug from his son Jacob, left, and daughter Peyton on Sunday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

emotions as they waited for their husband and father, Brian Postma, to get off the ship after one of countless deployments

the family has endured.

"We live the life," Postma said. "But it's still exciting and it's still sad and you still get all the

emotions."

Justice Minister Peter MacKay spoke before the ship came in, and he thanked all the families such as the Postmas.

"I simply want to express our gratitude to the families who have kept the home fires burning who I know demonstrate patience and perseverance always at times like this," he said.

MacKay called the mission "extremely important and successful," and said he's proud of the captain — Cmdr. Jeff Murray — and crew of the Fredericton.

"It's been fantastic, being able to transit and work in the Mediterranean, the Black Sea as well as the North and Baltic Seas," said Cmdr. Murray. "The navy hasn't done that many different areas in a long time."

There was some unexpected

excitement during the deployment, too, as HMCS Fredericton had several "interactions" with Russian aircraft and ships. At one point, Murray says one aircraft flew over the ship, only a few hundred metres above.

Murray said nothing happened that put the crew in any kind of danger.

"It was actually, on occasion, invigorating because you got to see some aircraft fairly close up," he said. "That just made them excited to be sailors because they were seeing some pretty unique things."

For Murray, the excitement came when the prime minister visited the ship at sea. "To get a couple little conversations in and get perspective from that level is unique and an incredibly interesting experience," he said.



These are always extremely special moments, to say the least, and something familiar here on the jetty in Halifax.

Justice Minister Peter MacKay



I really love sailing. The hardest part is being away from the family.

Leading Seaman Lawrence Clarke



As we like to say, 'The days go by fairly slowly, but the months fly by at breakneck speed.' Coming into Halifax this morning was ... surreal. Cmdr. Jeff Murray

The last relic of a 'golden age'

TRAVEL

Queen Mary 2 marks 175 years since operator's maiden voyage



Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

To Capt. Kevin Oprey, the man in charge of Queen Mary 2, the ship is in many ways a relic of a bygone era, when travel was more "elegant."

"We try to make sure that we are quite formal in the way we conduct our business on board to give the guests the best of experiences," said Oprey, who's captained the ship for 4-1/2 years, during the vessel's stop in Halifax over the weekend.

"It's going back to the golden age of travel, really."

Queen Mary 2 pulled into Halifax Harbour just after sunrise Friday morning, 175 years and six days after Cunard Lines' first ship, Britannia, pulled into Halifax on its maiden voyage.

The 294-metre ship is the last of its kind, the world's only ocean liner — built to withstand the rigours of the North Atlantic Ocean, unlike the cruise ships and resort ships that usually dock in Halifax.

"She has longer lines, she has a deeper draft, and her construction is much stronger to withstand the strengths of the weather we would ex-



People on the Halifax waterfront check out the Queen Mary 2 on Friday. Inset: Queen Mary 2 Capt. Kevin Oprey walks over the deck of the ship to speak to media during a tour Friday morning. ZANE WOODFORD/METRO

perience on the North Atlantic," said Oprey.

He said he's honoured to be the captain of the ship, especially at a time when the company's history is being celebrated.

With Oprey at the helm — a task he says provides the

294

The length of the ship, in metres.

"most magnificent feeling in the world" — the ship retraced the steps of Cunard Lines' Britannia 175 years ago, crossing the North Atlantic from Liverpool, England, to Halifax.

She made better time than Britannia did, completing the

trip in a snappy six days compared to the 12 the first journey took in 1840.

But as Halifax-born shipping magnate and Cunard Lines founder Sir Samuel Cunard told his first captains, "speed is nothing, safety is everything," Oprey noted.

Cunard's innovation was celebrated in Halifax on Friday, with a ceremony on the

waterfront and a new award: The Samuel Cunard Prize for Vision, Courage and Creativity.

In the evening, a new exhibit at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic was unveiled, called Cunard 175: Engine for Change, showcasing Cunard's "vision and achievement in revolutionizing maritime travel and global communications."

+ SENDOFF

Queen Mary 2 left at 8 p.m., taking a lap around Halifax Harbour with Theodore Tugboat and the Atlantic Oak tugboat. It was sent off with a military salute before moving on to celebrations in Boston and New York.



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EMERGENCY

'Regiment' of firefighters can't save burning house

Five fire departments responded to a blaze that broke out early Saturday morning in the Yarmouth area.

Port Maitland fire chief Art Rose says they received the call at 3:05 a.m. Flames were shooting out the upstairs window, and although the firefighters were able to knock them down, the fire was in the walls and spread to the attic of the older-style home.

The incident was a mutual-aid call, with the Yarmouth Fire Department as well as Lakes & District, Valley & District and Salmon River departments assisting.

"We had a real regiment going there," said Rose.

The house was beyond sav-



Firefighters from several departments tackled a blaze on Richmond Road early Saturday. COURTESY RANDY outhouse

ing, says Rose.

"We ended up bringing in an excavator to knock the walls down for safety purposes."

The residents escaped safely.

Firefighters remained on the scene for close to five hours.

The cause of the fire was not immediately determined.

YARMOUTH VANGUARD



Coach Ashley Taweel with a group of girls doing a drill at the all-female softball skills camp in Dartmouth on Saturday. HEIDE PEARSON/FOR METRO

Diamond queens

SPORTS

Softball clinic inspires young girls to swing for the fences

Heide Pearson
For Metro | Halifax

A group of girls was knockin' 'em out of the park Saturday at a softball skills camp in Dartmouth.

Ashley Taweel, who's been playing softball since she was six, is the driving force behind the camp. She wanted to give softball a second wind in the Dartmouth area.

"We wanted to get the young female athletes out and inspire them and show them what they can become," Taweel said.

The 12 coaches of the clinic, who are all older female players from across the province, are volunteering their time.

They have played for Nova Scotia in national championships and the Canada Summer Games.

Taweel said the Dartmouth softball association "kind of fell apart" when she was about 16, and she wanted to revive it for young girls.

"Softball isn't really a publicized sport, as much as we hope it would be or could be, like hockey is around here," Taweel said. "So we wanted to have an all-female camp that shows the young athletes where they can be in the future."

The camp was open to girls

"We wanted to get the young female athletes out and inspire them and show them what they can become."

Clinic coach Ashley Taweel

between the ages of six and 13.

The girls learned softball techniques from pitching and catching, hitting and bunting to playing outfield and running the bases properly.

Thirty-six girls were out Saturday on the three diamonds at Maybank Fields, and they ranged in skill level and experience. They came from Cole Harbour, the Eastern Shore, the Sackville area and other places around Dartmouth.

"I think they're having a good time," Taweel said.

At first she had more volunteers signed up for the clinic than girls, but Taweel said word spread quickly and she eventually had a full roster.

"It's awesome!" she said. "I'm very excited to see how much they learn and to see them play."

Taweel hopes to make the softball clinic a yearly summer event, so the Dartmouth league can grow and the sport can become more accessible for young girls.

DEBERT

Woman hospitalized after glider accident at airport

A woman has been taken to hospital following a glider crash at Debert Airport.

The crash occurred just before 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, at the far end of the runway.

Debert Fire, EHS and RCMP responded to the scene. Police say the glider was occupied by two people — a man and a woman.

The woman suffered minor injuries and the man escaped unscathed when the glider came down 100 metres short of the runway.

An ambulance left the scene with lights on shortly after 7 p.m.

Military police are investigating the incident.

TRURO DAILY NEWS



Fire crews leave Debert Airport following a glider crash Saturday. TRURO DAILY NEWS

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July 13, 2015



Nova Scotia non-profit groups denounce recent budget cuts

FUNDING

Province's most vulnerable at risk: Advocates

In the three months since the Nova Scotia government tabled a budget that will be remembered mainly for cutbacks to the film industry, non-profit groups have started speaking out about lesser-known cuts they say are hurting the province's most vulnerable people.

Linda Quigley, executive director of Deafness Advocacy Association Nova Scotia, says her organization will cease to exist within a year because the province eliminated the group's \$34,200 annual grant.

"The services that they cut are pretty essential to the province and they did it without really understanding the impact," says Quigley, whose organization has been around for 42 years. "We're done if we can't find funding in the next little while."

Quigley had to close her office and lay off a full-time coordinator two years ago when the United Way cut their funding by \$43,000. Today, the organization is just Quigley working part-time out of her home.

For the 55,000 people in Nova Scotia dealing with hearing loss and deafness, Quigley's association provides a range of services aimed at helping them become productive, employable citizens.



Community Services Minister Joanne Bernard says the cuts in her department were necessary because some non-profit groups were not being held accountable for how they were spending public funds. METRO FILE

Among other things, the association helps employers defray the cost of hiring interpreters to provide deaf employees with training in first aid, health and safety rules, and working with hazardous materials.

"If I was to say anything to the premier, I would ask him to take a look at what is being lost and to have a better understanding of the impact on each

of these organizations," Quigley says. "I don't think that government understands."

Complaints from groups like Quigley's have started to register with the government. Health Minister Leo Glavine recently confirmed he will be reviewing his department's cutbacks to non-profit groups this fall.

As examples, he cited Eating

Disorders Nova Scotia, the Epilepsy Association of Nova Scotia and the Free Spirit Therapeutic Riding Association, which helps children with special needs.

Kathleen Flanagan, executive director of the Community Sector Council of Nova Scotia, says the cuts were made without any consultation.

More importantly, she says, they will be counterproduct-

ive in the long run because more vulnerable people will become a drain on the system when they can't get the help they need.

"It's so short-sighted to cut the groups that actually help build the economy and build the assets that we need," says Flanagan, whose group speaks for the volunteer and non-profit sector. THE CANADIAN PRESS



These are organizations that are not rich and powerful.

Kathleen Flanagan, executive director of the Community Sector Council of Nova Scotia



Tough decisions had to be made.

Community Services Minister Joanne Bernard



It's a shame that some of the most vulnerable people in our province are being affected by these budget cuts.... If we don't care for our most vulnerable people, it shows the type of province we are. Nova Scotia should be better than that.

Jean Coleman, executive director of the Nova Scotia Association for Community Living

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IN BRIEF

Woman jumps out window to avoid arrest: Police

The Nova Scotia Serious Incident Response Team is investigating after a woman sustained injuries while being arrested.

Halifax Regional Police say the 25-year-old woman was found by two officers Friday in an apartment in Fairview they were visiting for another reason.

The officers knew the woman was wanted for arrest, but she entered another apartment as they tried to apprehend her.

Police say the woman was next seen on the ground outside the apartment, apparently having jumped from a window.

She was taken to hospital with fractures in her

back, pelvis and wrist. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Man assaulted in alleged home invasion

Police are investigating a possible failed break-in and serious assault Sunday morning in Cape Breton.

Police say the incident took place at around 5:50 a.m. in Louisbourg, in the Gordie Street area.

Cape Breton Regional Police are questioning a man in his 20s who is believed to own the home where the incident took place.

Police say the two men involved may have known each other from a non-violent encounter on Saturday evening.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Woman faces charges after man stabbed

A 39-year-old woman is facing charges after a stabbing in Halifax on Friday night, around 11 p.m. The incident happened on the 0 to 100 block of Caxton Close in Clayton Park.

According to Halifax Regional Police, the accused stabbed a 51-year-old man with a knife after an altercation broke out.

The victim, who knew the woman, was taken to the Queen Elizabeth II hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Police arrested the woman without incident and she is facing weapons-related charges.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

MORE LOCAL NEWS ONLINE

Fiancée killer gets day parole

LAW & ORDER

James Leopold currently living in halfway house

After serving four years of a seven-year federal prison sentence for killing his fiancée, James Leroy Leopold has been granted day parole.

Laura Lee Robertson was killed in April 2011 by her fiancée James Leroy Leopold who has now been granted day parole.

The former Liverpool resident was convicted of manslaughter on June 27, 2012, in the 2011 death of his fiancée, 47-year-old Laura Robertson. In a statement to police, Leopold reported that he struck the victim in the neck after she bit him while in bed. He then passed out. He told police when he woke up he found her dead. Leopold then hid her body in a wooded area.

The Parole Board of Canada granted Leopold day parole on June 5, 2015. He has since been released to an undisclosed half-

way house, to where he must return nightly as per his conditions.

A parole report was released at the request of the Queens County Advance. The board says in the report that Leopold admitted alcohol was a major factor in this crime and several others he committed.

The report revealed a disturbing pattern of domestic violence by Leopold.

"File information indicates you have a pattern of domestic violence with a minimum of three different partners. In one instance, you bound your victim, an intimate partner, with duct tape and threatened to kill yourself. On a separate occasion, you threatened to harm your ex-partner and damage her property. A victim impact statement on file attests to the fear and anxiety felt by the victim of a previous assault."

The report says Leopold minimized some of his actions but also admitted to others. Leopold called some of his actions, such as hitting a partner in the mouth, an accident. He also claims to have restrained a victim too hard when trying to



Laura Lee Robertson was killed in April 2011 by her fiancé James Leroy Leopold, who has now been granted day parole. CONTRIBUTED

calm her down when she went "completely crazy."

The Parole Board said that alcohol was a major factor in

Leopold's personal and criminal life.

The board's report says they believe Leopold has made

progress in understanding the severity of his actions and has made gains in understanding that nothing can justify violence

+ CONDITIONS

- Immediately report all intimate sexual and non-sexual relationships and friendships with females to parole supervisor.
- Psychological counseling to be arranged by parole supervisor (specify purpose — must be risk- or mental health-related to support safe reintegration).
- No direct or indirect contact with the victim(s) or any member of the victim's family, unless communications are necessary for the purposes of judicial procedures, the exercise of parental rights, mediation sessions or other such requirements, with prior written permission from parole supervisor.
- Not to consume, purchase, or possess alcohol.

and that "being single is better than being in a dysfunctional relationship."

KINGS COUNTY NEWS

MILITARY SERVICE

Exhibit examines veterans' reactions to VA office closure

As you walk into the third-floor gallery space at the Cape Breton Centre for Craft and Design, the stark black-and-white images of Canada's military veterans reach you with their restrained emotion.

The men and women depicted in Charlie Morrison's photographs have faces lined with the beauty of time and experience. Despite their dignified expressions, you sense the pain they have experienced, not just because of battle, but wondering if their own country is at war with them, thanks to a never-ending stream of cutbacks.

Some of the photos, displayed on newsprint, are single portraits; others depict veterans standing in lonely locations such as an abandoned fort and a beach.

In one photo, a veteran walks alone down a snowy road, the only spot of colour a Canadian flag dangling from his hand.

Dominion photographer Charlie Morrison was inspired to do the evocative series of photos after learning about the closure of the Veterans Affairs office in Sydney

Aug. 14

Since Their Service will run at the Cape Breton Centre for Craft & Design until Aug. 14, in the third-floor gallery.

more than a year ago.

"I went in for the first Memorial Day after I heard about the impending closure," said Morrison. "I shot that day, and then when I heard about the rally of concern which was a few days after that Memorial Day, I went in and I shot that, and that's when I cemented in my own head that I was going to try to do a project of this nature."

Morrison has been interested in photography since childhood and became serious about it 15 years ago.

The 48-year-old works as a paramedic, but he's passionate about his hobby, even travelling to Africa in pursuit of pictures. While his photos possess a certain beauty, they're not pretty pictures.

"For the last four or five years, I've kind of been looking for new challenges to keep my photography interesting to me, to keep my motivation going," he said. "I've been slowly working myself towards socially conscious type subjects. In the past, I've hung pictures at one local coffee shop on poverty in the area here and I've been lucky enough to go to Kenya a few years ago and when I was there, I shot in one of the shantytowns."

For this series, he wanted the emotion to tell each veteran's story.

"I went in there not wanting a lot of smiles," he said. "What I had hoped was that I could get the feel of candid photography at the same time of putting them in a situation where I could set something up to capture emotion of some kind."

In addition to photos, the exhibit also features an aural and written section, taken from interviews that he had with the veterans.

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B.C. brewer cracks tough South Korean market

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

Abbotsford man succeeds despite nation's beer duopoly

Dan Vroon says he didn't set out to transform the South Korean beer industry, but the Abbotsford, B.C., native's attempt to bring craft beer to the masses has kick-started a revolution in a market long dominated by a duopoly.

Vroon's Craftworks Taphouse and Bistro in Seoul was one of the first in a new wave of craft breweries that have renewed interest in craft beer in the country.

Vroon said before he entered the business in 2010, imports of North American brews from the Boston Beer Company and Edmonton's Alley Cat Brewing Company were the only way for South Korea's large ex-pat community to get a taste of home.

He set out to build a craft brewery to serve that crowd, as well as locals looking for something other than the rice-based, low-alcohol lagers from Hite Brewery Company and Oriental Brewing that dominate South Korean taps.

"They were missing the market entirely," he said.

Vroon said he ran up against the thicket of regulation that had stopped the flow of beer from other craft breweries, even

after an early-2000s push from the South Korean government to open up its beer industry.

Vroon pushed back against rules that required breweries have more than one million litres of capacity before selling to wholesalers, which he said essentially prevented anyone but the largest brewers from distributing their products.

He said he also pushed for transparency on taxation after the first brewery he worked with was nearly bankrupted by an unexpected tax bill more than 10 times what authorities had predicted.

He said he did his best to work within rules that prevented or made prohibitively expensive the importing of the yeast and hops necessary to make a top-quality brew.

"The brewing laws were written in the 1950s," he said. "Nobody was around who understood them."

Vroon's efforts bore fruit as he found the South Korean government receptive to new ideas that could promote local business.

In 2011, the government reduced the distributing requirement from one million litres of capacity to 120,000 litres, one of the first in a series of reforms that Vroon said has reinvigorated the craft beer market.

And as more breweries come online, he said, there are more voices pressuring the government for reform.

"They haven't given us every-

The brewing laws were written in the 1950s. Nobody was around who understood them.

Craft beer brewer Dan Vroon discusses on the South Korean regulations governing his business.



When Dan Vroon established Craftworks Taphouse and Bistro in Seoul, South Korea, he aimed to appeal to ex-pats and locals interested in craft brews. The next thing he knew, he was promoting a whole new industry. THE CANADIAN PRESS

thing, but they've definitely freed up the brewers to distribute their beer, cut some of the taxation and gave rebates for the smaller guys," Vroon said.

"Now, the craft beer scene is booming."

Some of the beers Craftworks offers: the Jirisan Moon Bear India Pale Ale, the Seorak Oatmeal Stout and Baekdusan unfiltered wheat beer.

Vroon's work in developing a craft-brew palate among South

Koreans has inspired others to bring in Canadian beer to meet the rising demand.

Brock Rodgers, co-founder of the Mission Springs Brewery in Mission, B.C., now exports around 40 per cent of his production of hops-heavy, full-flavoured beers to South Korea after beginning shipments in 2013.

"At that time, Dan (Vroon) was the only guy in town that was doing anything craft and doing it well," he said.

Rodgers said even with significant import taxes on his products that send the price well above domestic competition, his business is doing well because they are viewed as a premium product.

"There's a somewhat well-founded belief over there that products from Canada are healthier, that the water's better, the air is better," he said.

"If it's made in Busan it kind of loses whatever authenticity it might have." THE CANADIAN PRESS

ECONOMY

Tories bust out wallets

All but overlooked in the past week of troubling economic news was federal Finance Minister Joe Oliver's unexpected nod to government stimulus spending.

The run-up to an October general election is happening amid talk of recession, international downgrades of Canada's growth prospects, weak world oil prices and several grim provincial outlooks — stormy seas for an incumbent Conservative government seeking a fourth mandate after staking its reputation on sound economic management.

A Conservative re-election plan engineered in sunnier days when a return to balanced budgets could co-exist with voter-friendly spending bonanzas is now being repurposed as a recession-fighting necessity.

"Some of the measures which the prime minister announced and which I announced in the budget will inject almost \$10 billion in cash into the economy this year," Oliver told reporters in Vancouver last Tuesday.

Parents with children under 18 will start receiving new benefit cheques — retroactive to Jan. 1 — on July 20 in a one-time, pre-election burst of cash totalling more than \$2.5 billion.

Conservative ministers and MPs are also announcing new community infrastructure projects almost daily this summer from a variety of funds — some of which have lain fallow awaiting the optimal pre-election moment. Oliver's office says the government added more than \$1.6 billion to existing projects.

"They're a little bit caught because they're basically making one of the big anchors of their election platform the return to a balanced budget," said Don Drummond, a former senior Finance Canada official who now teaches at Queen's University.

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SASKATCHEWAN

Wildfire evacuees allowed back home

Officials say residents of an evacuated reserve in northern Saskatchewan were being allowed to return home Sunday.

Duane McKay with emergency management said wildfires were no longer threatening Grandmother's Bay.

He said buses were being arranged to transport at least 130 people back to the First Nation.

A convoy led about 150 people from five other com-

munities in the northeast home on Saturday night.

Those communities were not under evacuation orders but the wildfires that had burned through Saskatchewan had cut off their road access.

McKay said fire conditions near 50 communities are being evaluated to determine when it might be safe for the remaining 13,000 evacuees from those communities to go home. THE CANADIAN PRESS

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Progress in Puntzi Lake fire battle

There is good news in the ongoing battle to contain an aggressive, 70-square-kilometre blaze raging in the Cariboo Region of Central British Columbia.

Crews have managed to contain just under a third of the Puntzi Lake fire, burning about 150 kilometres west of Williams Lake.

The fire more than doubled in size on Saturday, from 30 to 70 square kilometres, thanks to strong winds and an abundance of dry fuel.

Fire officials have ordered 90 properties in the region to evacuate, while more than 180 remain on evacuation alert.

So far several properties have been destroyed by the flames, including a hunting and fishing lodge, two permanent homes and one seasonal residence.

Lightning was responsible for starting about 60 new wildfires across B.C. over the weekend, although the cause of the Puntzi Lake blaze remains under investigation. THE CANADIAN PRESS

ALBERTA

Firefighting rains please park official

Moisture has helped to slow a fire that forced the evacuation of 1,000 tourists and outdoor enthusiasts from the popular Maligne Valley in Alberta's Jasper National Park.

"Yay, it rained!" Parks Canada spokeswoman Kim Weir said Saturday during an update on the 50-square-kilometre blaze.

Weir said four to six millimetres of rain had fallen overnight and more was expected, giving firefighters a chance to

get on the ground and attack the flames directly.

"This rain and the forecasted weather over the next few days will reduce fire behaviour potential and allow fire crews to safely work on priority areas of the fire," she said.

"This is a huge shift." The fire was not yet contained, but did not get any bigger, Weir said.

"Under current conditions, we do not expect it to grow."

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Greece aims to make deal and avoid financial crash

EUROZONE

But creditors insist on tough austerity measures

Greece moved closer on Sunday to a desperately needed deal with European creditors that would stave off immediate financial collapse and the country's potential exit from the euro but impose more hardship on its people.

Facing a self-imposed Sunday deadline, the eurozone's top official, Jeroen Dijsselbloem, said the sides have "come a long way" after two days of talks among finance ministers, but that the final effort on "some big issues" would be handled by eurozone leaders in a summit that was expected to go into the night.

Underscoring the optimism despite the often fundamental differences among the leaders, Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi said "we are very close."

The broad outline of a deal appeared to consist of a long series of commitments from Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras to push through much of a drastic austerity program within days, while the 18 other eurozone leaders would commit to start talks on a new bailout program.

In a four-page draft proposal put to eurozone leaders and obtained by The Associated Press, language up for discussion spoke of a potential "time out from the euro area" for Greece if no agreement could be found.

It highlighted the increasing frustration with Greece during five months of fruitless talks. On Sunday, doubts on the Greek gov-



German Chancellor Angela Merkel, left, speaks with French President Francois Hollande, centre, and Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras during a meeting of eurozone heads of state at the EU Council building in Brussels on Sunday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The most important currency has been lost: That is trust and reliability.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel

ernment's commitment to implement tough measures continued.

"The most important currency has been lost: That is trust and reliability," said German Chancellor Angela Merkel, reflecting on five months of tortuous negotiations with Athens.

In the draft document, Greece committed itself to pushing a first set of measures through parliament by Wednesday. Despite the stinging conditions on

pension, market and privatization reforms, Tsipras insisted his government was ready to clinch a deal.

"We owe that to the peoples of Europe who want Europe united and not divided," he said. "We can reach an agreement tonight if all parties want it."

Greece has asked Europe's bailout fund for a 53.5 billion-euro, three-year financial package but many officials in Brussels

say the figure will have to be much higher and insist on tough Greek austerity measures. This would be Greece's third bailout in five years.

Merkel, however, insisted that Germany would not sway from its stance that Greece needs to do much more to get any help just to save its position in the 19-nation eurozone.

"There will not be an agreement at all costs," she said, coming into Sunday's summit meeting. "Nerves are tense."

Highlighting the differences within the creditors' camp, French President Francois Hollande insisted it was vital to keep

Greece in the currency club and avoid a so-called "Grexit."

If Greece had to leave the euro currency "it's Europe that would go backward," Hollande said. "And that I do not want."

France is considered Greece's closest ally and even helped Tsipras prepare the reform proposals that were a minimum requirement for getting fresh talks.

Finnish Finance Minister Alexander Stubb, one of Greece's most outspoken critics, said a package of proposals sent to the leaders involved three key elements, including the Greek parliament's passing of a series of unspecified laws by Wednesday.

If these conditions are met, then talks with Europe's bailout fund can proceed, Stubb said.

"We have surely taken a good leap forward," Stubb said.

Tsipras cleared one hurdle Saturday when lawmakers in the Greek parliament overwhelmingly backed a package of economic reforms and further austerity measures, in hopes that would convince European creditors to back the third bailout.

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Greece desperately needs help to avoid a financial collapse. The economy is in free-fall and the country faces big debt repayments in the coming weeks. Greek banks have been shuttered for the best part of two weeks and daily withdrawals from ATMs have been limited to a paltry 60 euros. The banks, according to some accounts, have barely enough cash to last through the week.

MEXICO

Drug lord on the lam

Mexico mounted an all-out manhunt Sunday for its most powerful drug lord, Joaquin (El Chapo) Guzman, who escaped from a maximum security prison through a 1.5-kilometre tunnel from a small opening in the shower area of his cell, according to the country's top security official.

The elaborate underground escape route, built allegedly without the detection of authorities, allowed Guzman to do what Mexican officials promised would never happen after his re-capture last year — slip out of one of the country's most secure penitentiaries for the second time.

If Guzman is not captured immediately, the drug lord will likely be back in full command and control of the Sinaloa cartel in 48 hours, said Michael S. Vigil, a retired U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration chief of international operations.

"We may never find him again," he said. "All the accolades that Mexico has received in their counterdrug efforts will be erased by this one event."

Eighteen employees from various part of the Altiplano prison, 90 kilometres west of Mexico City, have been taken in for questioning, Security Commissioner Monte Alejandro Rubido said in a news conference without answering questions.

A manhunt began immediately late Saturday for the head of the powerful Sinaloa Cartel, which has an international reach and is believed to control most of the major crossing points for drugs at the U.S. border with Mexico.

Guatemala's Interior Ministry said a special task force of police and soldiers were watching the border with Mexico for any sign of fugitive drug lord.

"The U.S. government stands ready to work with our Mexican partners to provide any assistance that may help support his swift recapture," U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch said in a statement.

Associated Press journalists near Altiplano saw the roads were being heavily patrolled by federal police with numerous checkpoints and a Blackhawk helicopter flying overhead. Flights were also suspended at Toluca airport near the penitentiary in the State of Mexico, and civil aviation hangars were being searched.

Guzman's escape is a major embarrassment to the administration of President Enrique Pena Nieto, which had received plaudits for its aggressive approach to top drug lords.

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ISRAEL

Suspects in arson attack arrested

Israeli police have arrested a number of suspects in last month's arson attack on a famous Catholic church in the Holy Land, police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said Sunday.

The fire is believed to be an attack by Jewish extremists, but Rosenfeld would not elaborate on the identity of those arrested.

The June 18 fire at the Church of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fish caused extensive damage to the inside and outside of the building, in-

cluding damage to the roof and prayer books.

The modern building is built on the remains of a fifth-century Byzantine church and features a Byzantine mosaic floor that was not harmed. The church marks the traditional spot of Jesus' miracle of the loaves and fish, and is located on the shore of the Sea of Galilee in northern Israel. It is one of the most popular stops for Christian pilgrims visiting the Holy Land.

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IN BRIEF

Scottish woman dies in hospital after spending three days in crashed car

A 25-year-old Scottish woman — who lay injured in her crashed car for three days because police failed to respond to an accident report — has died. Lamara Bell's family says she died in a Glasgow hospital Sunday, a week after the accident. She was found Wednesday beside her dead boyfriend John Yuill in a car that had slid down an embankment near Stirling in central Scotland. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANCE

Marine park urged to free dolphins

Several hundred people protested Sunday at a popular marine animal park on the French Riviera, urging it to free the dolphins kept in its pools.

The Marineland park management said the dolphins are a crucial educational tool, and that releasing them into the wild could risk their lives because most were born in captivity and are accustomed to human companionship.

The animal rights activists waved picket signs in English

and French at the entrance of the Marineland park in Antibes, trying to persuade visitors to sign petitions or go home.

Visitors at the park can swim with dolphins and see penguins, polar bears and the endangered Steller sea lion.

The park's zoological director, Jon Kershaw, said Marineland stopped capturing dolphins from the wild in 1989 and most of its animals were born in captivity.

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INDIA

Last month's floods killed 10 rare lions

Monsoon flooding that killed dozens of people in western India last month also hurt the world's last population of wild Asiatic lions, forest officials said in a report.

At least 81 people died in mudslides, collapsed homes or high waters in Gujarat state, while thousands were forced to evacuate their homes.

The rains also killed at least 10 of the country's 523 lions — the last members of the subspecies left anywhere in the wild — as well as prey animals, including more than 80 spotted deer and 1,670 Asian antelope called blue bulls, according to a report submitted over the weekend to the federal environment ministry in New Delhi.

The animal deaths underline conservationists' concerns about keeping all of the lions in a single location.

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Hundreds of park workers, activists and villagers launched a search for the lions and found about 80 "roaming safely in their territory," killing animals from surrounding areas, the report said.

The conservationists argued successfully in India's Supreme Court in 2013 for some to be relocated to a second sanctuary far away, to prevent the population from being hit all at once by natural disaster or disease. But Gujarat has resisted moving any of the lions.

"There is no cause for panic," said C.N. Pandey, a forest official in Gujarat. "Conservation efforts are ongoing." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ISRAEL

Exhibit revisits Operation Entebbe

It was perhaps the most daring Israeli military exploit ever — a rescue raid in Africa that inspired Hollywood films and became etched in Israeli history.

Nearly four decades later, a first-of-its-kind exhibit showcases the story behind the July 1976 freeing of hostages from a hijacked plane at Entebbe, Uganda. The display includes a copy of the original order to launch the operation and the original combat vest worn by the lone casualty among the Israeli troops: Lt. Col. Yonatan Netanyahu, brother of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

The exhibit, at the Yitzhak Rabin Center near Tel Aviv University, is the brainchild of curator Avner Avraham, a former Mossad officer who first

researched the project while working for Israel's spy agency. He brought it into the public domain at the behest of Dalia Rabin-Pelossof, the daughter of the late Yitzhak Rabin, who as prime minister at the time ordered the risky operation.

"Books have been written and movies have been made," Avraham said.

The crisis began on June 27, 1976, when four hijackers boarded an Air France flight from Tel Aviv to Paris and then took over the plane. On July 4, Israel launched Operation Thunderbolt in which some 200 soldiers took part in an airborne raid on Entebbe airport that killed the hijackers and freed most of the hostages.

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Battle flag's fall just the first step: Prof

SOUTH CAROLINA

Confederate icon lowered, but not 'end of conversation'

Legions of people clapped, cheered and cried as South Carolina lowered the Confederate battle flag. But the euphoria of a moment that was more than a decade in the making quickly began to shift to a hard question to answer: What exactly had been accomplished for race relations? Was it more symbolic than substantive?

A flag is gone. But discrimination, poverty and inequality still exist around the country, with some wondering if the time and energy spent on the Confederate battle flag might have been better used tackling other racial issues facing Americans.

"It was easy to focus on the flag, as opposed to the issues that have divided blacks and whites historically," said Carol Swain, a law and political science professor at Vanderbilt University.

But a symbolic victory is still a victory, others argued, with this one meaning more than most — that the feelings of a minority population perpetually outvoted and not always considered in the South had finally been acknowledged. The abrupt shift in political willingness to take down the flag from the Statehouse grounds came just weeks after nine black people were shot to death during Bible study at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston; photos of the man charged with their slayings showed him displaying the Confederate flag and authorities have described the



An honour guard lowers the Confederate battle flag as it is removed from the Capitol grounds in Columbia, S.C. on Friday. JOHN BAZEMORE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

slayings as a hate crime.

In the years before, it was viewed as political suicide to push to remove the flag from the Statehouse grounds. Former governors David Beasley of South Carolina and Roy Barnes of Georgia were voted out of office over the issue. Beasley had proposed relocating the flag from the Statehouse to a monument. Barnes had introduced a new state flag to reduce the size of the Confederate battle symbol emblazoned on it.

The ceremony on Friday when the flag was removed brought out a jubilant, hundreds-deep multiracial crowd.

Still, no one is naive enough to believe that taking down the flag will end racism or discrimination in the South, said Trent Brown, a Mississippi native and America Studies professor at Missouri University of Science and Technology. There are still discussions about policing and voting rights to be had, he said.

More blacks live in poverty than anyone else in the U.S. — 27.2 per cent, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. More than 2.5 million African Americans were arrested in 2013 — second only to the 6.2 million whites arrested, according to the FBI. But there were more black men

than white in state and federal prisons in 2013 — 526,000 compared with 454,100, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

"It doesn't change poverty in South Carolina. It doesn't change access to certain kinds of power. It doesn't change disabilities or discriminations that people labour under," Brown said. "I think the flag change is not a sign that everything is now fine, that the work of reconciliation is done. I think it is an important measure but I don't think people who celebrate the flag coming down will or should see it as the end of the conversation."

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ALASKA

Tons of marine debris to get airlifted for recycling or disposal



Pelagic gooseneck barnacles are seen on a buoy off the Gulf of Alaska. The barnacles are the most common and abundant organism observed on marine debris. ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A massive cleanup effort is getting underway in Alaska, with tons of marine debris — some likely sent to sea by the 2011 tsunami in Japan — set to be airlifted from rocky beaches and taken by barge for recycling and disposal in the Pacific Northwest.

Hundreds of heavy-duty bags of debris, collected in 2013 and 2014 and stockpiled at a storage site in Kodiak, also will be shipped out. The barge is scheduled to arrive in Kodiak by Thursday, before setting off on a roughly one-month venture.

The scope of the project, a year in the making, is virtually unheard of in Alaska. It was spurred, in part, by the mass of material that's washed ashore — things like buoys, fishing lines, plastics and fuel drums — and the high cost of shuttling small boatloads of debris from remote sites to port, said Chris Pallister, president of the cleanup organization Gulf of Alaska Keeper, which is coordinating the effort.

The Anchorage landfill also began requiring that fishing nets and lines — common debris

items — to be chopped up, a task called impossible by state tsunami marine debris coordinator Janna Stewart.

Pallister estimates the cost of the barge project at up to \$1.3 million, with the state contributing \$900,000 from its share of the \$5 million that Japan provided for parts of the U.S. affected by tsunami debris. Crews in British Columbia will be able to add debris to the barge as it passes through, chipping in if they do. Pallister's group has committed \$100,000. Delays due to weather could drive up

costs, which Pallister said is a concern.

The cost to operate the barge is \$17,000 a day, Stewart said.

While relatively few people visit these sites, it's important to clean them, Stewart said. Foam disintegrates, which can seep into salmon streams or be ingested by birds, she said. There's concern, too, with the impact of broken-down plastic on marine life.

"It's like it never really goes away unless we get in there and actively remove it," Stewart said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sea-to-sea expansion

RETAIL

Quebec-based fashion chain Simons targets western Canada

One of Canada's oldest family-owned retailers is hoping to defy industry woes by launching an expansion that could extend the Simons brand across Canada.

The 175-year-old company based in Quebec City will open its ninth Quebec store in Gatineau next month before entering the British Columbia and Ontario markets and expanding its presence in Alberta.

The fashion retailer is spending up to \$200 million over the next four years to open eight stores. It says the move is intended to boost its annual sales base of more than \$350 million.

An outlet will open this fall in West Vancouver, followed by openings next year in Mississauga, Ont., and Ottawa. A second Edmonton store and a new one in Calgary will be added in 2017, and two more stores are expected to open in the Toronto suburb of Scarborough in 2018 and at the York-



Simons CEO Peter Simons poses in the fashion retailer's Quebec City store. Simons is one of Canada's oldest family-owned retailers, and the family hopes to defy industry woes by launching an expansion that could extend the store's brand across Canada. JACQUES BOISSINOT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

dale Shopping Centre in 2019.

Atlantic Canada, the Prairies or Winnipeg could join the list as more stores are added to reach a maximum of 25 to 30 stores, says CEO Peter Simons.

But Simons says he doesn't feel any pressure to make hasty moves.

"You don't think in next-quar-

ter increments when you're a private company of five generations," he said from Quebec City. "You think in 25-year increments."

Missing from the Simons national expansion plans is downtown Toronto, one of Canada's toughest retail markets. Simons made a pitch to enter the Eaton

Centre but that didn't materialize. Meanwhile, U.S. retailer Nordstrom will open next year at the old Sears location in the Eaton Centre.

Retail analyst Randy Harris of Trendex believes Simons' gradual expansion will make it a "national powerhouse" in the Canadian apparel market.

"A lot of retailers, while they're worrying about Nordstrom and Saks, have got to be equally worried about Simons," Harris said.

He said Simons' mid-market pricing and strong private label offering will resonate with shoppers looking for something new. In addition to clothes, Simons sells some home goods and is introducing shoes and a new restaurant concept called Eve. But unlike department stores, it doesn't sell cosmetics or "hard goods" like appliances.

Simons says he and his brother are keenly aware of the risks — particularly in trying to build upon its success in Quebec and spread it to English Canada while juggling the logistics of operating across the country.

As a relatively unknown brand outside Quebec, Simons said he knows the first challenge will be marketing — specifically, to develop a relationship with shoppers so they keep returning after the initial rush wears off.

"There's still going to be this almost primordial desire for human contact, a quality human contact," he said. "I'm not trying to win their minds or their wallets. I'd like to win their hearts."

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MCDONALD'S

Minions toy upsets parents

McDonald's swears up and down that the little yellow "Minions" Happy Meal toy is speaking only nonsense words and not something a little more adult.

Experts say the company may be right, and the curse words many hear may be tied to how our brains are wired to find words even when they're not really there.

The world's largest hamburger chain and purveyor of Happy Meals said Friday it doesn't plan to take the talking Happy Meal toy out of distribution — the promotion runs through the end of July — even though some customers say it sounds like cursing.

A toy bought by The Associated Press made a sound that could be interpreted as the phrase often abbreviated as "WTF." Another phrase sounded like it could be "Well I'll be damned." The sound quality of the toy makes it hard to say definitively who is right.

The little yellow Minion characters speak a nonsense language and McDonald's Corp. said the Minion Caveman toy makes three sounds: "ha ha ha," "para la bukey," and "eh eh." The Oak Brook, Ill.-based company issued a statement saying it received only a few comments from customers about the toy, which was introduced July 3.

Nonsense speech will sometimes sound a bit like a real language, and experts say human brains are also wired to look for meaning in noise and images.

"The brain tries to find a pattern match, even when just receiving noise, and it is good at pattern recognition," says Dr. Steven Novella, a neurologist at the Yale School of Medicine.

The technical name for the phenomenon is "pareidolia," in which people hear sounds or see images that seem meaningful but are actually random.

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TECHNOLOGY

Computer software to help ease legal, court costs

Imagine working out a divorce without hiring an attorney or stepping into court or disputing the tax assessment on your home completely online.

A Silicon Valley company is starting to make both possibilities a reality with software that experts say represents the next wave of technology in which the law is turned into computer code that can solve legal battles without the need for a judge.

"We're not quite at the Google

car stage in law, but there are no conceptual or technical barriers to what we're talking about," said Oliver Goodenough, director of the Center for Legal Innovation at Vermont Law School, referring to Google's self-driving car.

The computer programs, at least initially, have the ability to relieve overburdened courts of small claims cases, traffic fines and some family law matters. But Goodenough and other experts



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Oliver Goodenough, Center for Legal Innovation

envision a future in which even more complicated disputes are resolved online, and they say San Jose, Calif.-based Modria has gone far in developing software to realize that.

"There is a version of the future when computers get so good

that we trust them to play this role in our society, and it lets us get justice to more people because it's cheaper and more transparent," said Colin Rule, Modria's co-founder.

Officials in Ohio are using Modria's software to resolve dis-

putes over tax assessments and keep them out of court, and a New York-based arbitration association has deployed it to settle medical claims arising from certain types of car crashes.

Modria's founders initially developed the software to help eBay and PayPal solve customer complaints without employing teams of customer service representatives. At eBay, Rule said his system was resolving 60 million disputes a year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Maybe we should plan a little less and say yes a little more

It shouldn't be so hard to have fun.

On a recent afternoon, I was throwing out texts like confetti, looking for friends to come out and play.

Few could be found. Some had plans. Most just didn't feel like it.

Who doesn't feel like fun? The 30-somethings, that's who. We're too tired, too busy or too lazy for impromptu fun — the hallmark of youth. We're not the new 20. We're way too uptight for that.

We (OK, I'm 29) have a lot on the go. We pack our lives as tight as carry-on luggage, and curate our playtime like our wardrobe, pairing these people with those, never mixing those with them. Worse, we have an outsized sense of personal time — a euphemism for selfishness.

Were not up for anything, we're up for exactly what we feel like doing at exactly this minute.

Want to make plans? Let's play it by ear! Should we meet up? I'll see how I feel!

"This shouldn't be so hard," I complained to one friend, who agreed.

"Where's my crew?" I asked. She shook her head. Planning a party, she noted, is truly harder than herding cats. Some people promise to "stop by for a bit" before another event (they never show). Others "aren't sure

if they can make it" — code words for not wanting to commit.

We're not innocent, my friend and I agreed. We both cancel coffee dates on a whim. The other weekend I texted a friend that we'll "keep in touch about Sunday," and we didn't talk again for a whole week.

"The more the merrier" isn't a phrase we use often. We'll see one friend for a movie, another for a coffee, another for a yoga class. God forbid we should invite anyone else. We haven't seen this person in weeks (so busy!) — We need to catch up!

When I lived in the U.K., I had a true crew. We did everything together. Everyone was invited. There were no friend schedules. Fun was not work. Every Christmas Eve we'd sit around someone's table, with goose- or turkey-piled plates and Prosecco-topped glasses.

I imagined I'd own a house one day, and the door would always be open. People would pop by unexpectedly and stay for coffee. If anyone dropped by my apartment these days, I'd drop dead of shock.

If I have to work harder to find a friend than a source for a story, something is wrong. Maybe we should get over ourselves just a little bit, plan a little less, and say yes a little more. Either that, or admit it: We're too old to let the good times roll.

THE BIG POLL: Fitness fails

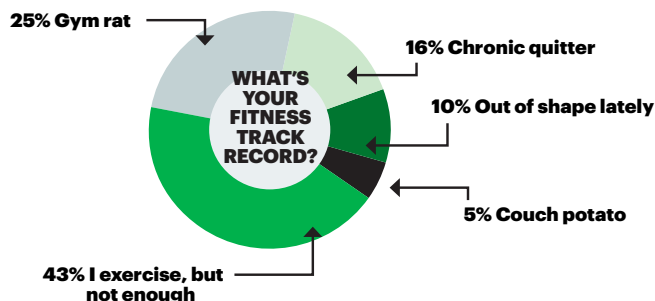
From skimpy summer clothes to Pan Am bodies, many of us have fitness on the brain. Wearable devices can help track your progress — if you use them. Recent research shows only half the people who sign up for the activity tracker Fitbit stick with it. A third quit within six months. We asked our online readers if they've ever flaked out on their fitness goals. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

POLL: What would get you to stick to a fitness routine?

- 50% I have a routine
- 27% More hours in the day
- 7% Looking at super-fit people
- 7% A big financial reward
- 5% Doctor's orders
- 4% Nothing



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Harm reduction can help keep festivals safe

HALIFAX MATTERS

Stephen Kimber



Let's begin with a worst-case scenario hypothetical.

A young woman attending last weekend's Evolve Music Festival — Antigonish's three-day "celebration of music, culture and social awareness" — decides she wants to alter her mind with some mind-altering substance. She asks around, discovers a guy selling what she thinks she wants to buy. She buys. She takes. But the drug isn't what she thought. She collapses. She's rushed to hospital. She dies.

That horrific hypothetical isn't all that hypothetical.

At Toronto's Veld Festival last year, a 20-year-old woman who was a promising political science major and a 22-year-

old man with a diploma in marketing died after taking what they thought was a "party drug." Thirteen others were sent to hospital.

That same summer, another woman died and 80 were hospitalized at B.C.'s Boonstock Festival.

In 2012, a man died of an overdose at the Shambhala Music Festival in B.C.

After that, Shambhala organizers decided to offer on-site testing to make sure attendees at least knew what they were buying. They are now even able to post white-board notices — "Green playboy bunny baggie — sold as ketamine — actually methoxetamine" — warning people away from the more dangerous substances.

Evolve's producer, Jonas Colter, wanted to do the same at last weekend's Evolve 16. Although no one has died at

this festival, three people were taken to hospital last year because of drug overdoses.

But after he announced what should have been this feel-good, proactive, harm-reduction strategy, Evolve's insurance underwriter immediately pulled the plug on its liability insurance. One presumes its concern is either that drug testing might appear to condone illegal activity, or that someone might sue if a test provided inaccurate results.

But if our worst-case scenario ever actually happened, the family of the dead girl might sue anyway — because the insurance company refused to let the organizers provide testing that might have saved her life.

Luckily, it appears that my worst-case-scenario hypothetical is just that.

But there will continue to

One presumes (the insurer's) concern is that drug testing might appear to condone illegal activity, or that someone might sue if a test provided inaccurate results.

be festivals. And drugs. And people will die. Unless we acknowledge reality, and decide saving lives is more important than pretending to wage war on drugs.

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A burnout and a has-been

BATMAN V SUPERMAN

New trailer out at Comic-Con shows clash of fallen heroes

All is not well for Superman, audiences at Comic-Con found out on Saturday during a jam-packed and revealing Warner Bros. presentation. The studio also debuted a first look at the comic-book movie *Suicide Squad* at the annual convention.

Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice was the main event that fans had camped out for days to see. Stars Ben Affleck, Henry Cavill, Gal Gadot and Jesse Eisenberg were on hand to talk about the superhero showdown — a step up from last year's Comic-Con when none of the stars was allowed to talk.

In the first full trailer for the film, out on March 25, 2016, we see a society that has turned against the godlike Superman (Cavill) following a massive disaster. While Holly Hunter's steadfast Senator schemes with Eisenberg's Lex Luthor to protect the public from the dangerous Superman, Affleck's Batman decides to take matters into his own hands.

"The idea of Batman fighting Superman is a thing that happens all the time in comic books," said Zack Snyder, who also directed *Man of Steel*. He likes to pay homage to Frank Miller's *The Dark Knight* but wanted to make clear that this



story is not that story.

Oscar-winning screenwriter Chris Terrio (*Argo*) wrote the script.

Snyder said the story will also launch toward bigger conflicts with other superheroes.

"Who knows?" he said coyly. "I mean, I do know."

While audiences have met Cavill's Superman before, this is their first real introduction

to Affleck's Batman.

"I think if I thought too hard about the actors who played this part before, I couldn't have taken the job," said Affleck. But Snyder explained to him that this Batman would be different. He told Affleck that Bruce Wayne here is at "the end of his rope, he's older, he's a burnout."

As the villain Lex Luthor, Eisenberg said that there's "always a campy element to the character."

But unlike in previous versions, this Lex Luthor has an "emotional groundedness." He also has hair.

Gadot, who plays Wonder Woman in this film and in an upcoming standalone, said her character has the "strength of a superhero" but is "very sophisticated, loving and has a lot of emotional intelligence."

Warner Bros. also showed the first footage from *Suicide Squad*, another DC comic about a group of imprisoned supervillains recruited by a government organization to perform black ops for their freedom.

The film, directed by David Ayer, stars Will Smith as Deadshot, Margot Robbie as Harley Quinn, and Jared Leto as The Joker.

"I think if I thought too hard about the actors who played this part before, I couldn't have taken the job."

Ben Affleck on playing Batman

The first trailer shows the origins of the gritty, punk rock group of villains turned heroes.

"So that's it, we're the paties. We're some kind of suicide squad," Smith's Deadshot says in the trailer. "So let's save the world."

Leto's snivelling Joker, who sounds strikingly similar to Heath Ledger's version, closed the trailer with an ominous threat.

"No, I'm not gonna kill you. I'm just gonna hurt you, really, really bad," he says.

Ayer, who is in the middle of shooting the movie in Toronto, made it a priority to fly to the convention with his cast.

He brought out Smith, Robbie, Viola Davis and others to say hello and quickly exit the

stage. Smith said they'll be back next year for the film, which comes out on August 5, 2016.

Warner Bros. also brought out some of the cast of the Peter Pan origin story *Pan* and the '60s espionage film adaptation *The Man from U.N.C.L.E.*

Director Joe Wright, and stars Hugh Jackman (*Blackbeard*), Garrett Hedlund (*Hook* before the *Hook*), and newcomer Levi Miller (*Peter*) talked about creating the dark fantasy world of *Pan*, which comes out on Oct. 9.

Wright told Hedlund that he wanted to make the film as dark as possible. It's intended to teach children that "no matter how dark the fear, they can always overcome the nightmare," said Hedlund.

Armie Hammer and Cavill also came out with co-stars Alicia Vikander and Elizabeth Debicki to preview the stylish spy film, *The Man from U.N.C.L.E.*, which comes out on Aug. 14.

It might not be *Batman v Superman* but Cavill, as CIA agent Napoleon Solo, does get to fight with Hammer, as KGB agent Illya Kuryakin, even if it's slightly less sophisticated than his superhero character might be comfortable with.

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THE CAST



Amy Adams plays Lois Lane



Jesse Eisenberg plays Lex Luthor



Ben Affleck plays Batman



Gal Gadot plays Wonder Woman



Henry Cavill plays Superman

THE DEAD RISE AGAIN

Zombie prequel series starts as 'family drama'

The upcoming spinoff series *Fear the Walking Dead* premiered during Comic-Con after a panel that introduced the cast of the new zombie apocalypse drama to 6,500 fans. "It starts as a family drama, and we filter the apocalypse through that," executive producer Dave Erickson told the audience.

Fear the Walking Dead is serving as a prequel to the hugely popular *Walking Dead* series and will be examining how the zombie apocalypse started in Los Angeles. The cast and crew were on hand

for the invite-only screening of the first episode at Reading Cinemas.

"We, the audience ... know the looming dangers ahead," said AMC president Charlie Collier. "These characters are going to have to figure it out." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Alicia Debnam Carey and Maestro Harrell in *Fear the Walking Dead*.

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The most painless way I've found to stay on top of my finances is to make things as automated as possible, and then simply track it all using my smartphone. See if these three apps make your life easier:

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Mint is the most commonly used personal finance app and is excellent at tracking your spending and helping you budget. By linking up your investments, credit cards, savings and chequing accounts with your Mint profile, you can import all of your relevant information into one place without even thinking about it.

YOU NEED A BUDGET

Planning ahead

The cloud platform You Need a Budget (YNAB) is Mint's chief competitor with a focus on planning your financial future. The app isn't free (unless you're a post-secondary student), but during seasonal sales you can snag a licence for well under the normal one-time price of \$60. Purchasing YNAB also gives you access to financial literacy classes and tutorials.

WAVE

Small business

If you're a small business owner or freelance contractor, this is the app for you. My favourite feature is the ability to scan receipts on my smartphone, which are then automatically imported into my Wave account where they are fully searchable at a later time. Say goodbye to your shoebox full of random receipts come tax time!



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Facebook admits people smarter than algorithms



The view from Facebook Tokyo. The social media giant now allows users to specify not only who they want to see less of but also who they want to see more of in their feed. HANDOUT

Humanity can feel a bit smug this week, after some reassuring evidence that we're still necessary to keep civilization humming along.

Last week's seemingly unrelated meltdowns of the New York Stock Exchange, United Airlines and the Wall Street Journal made clear that computers, even very important ones, crack under pressure. And it takes the human touch to get them back to working order.

There are many things that are improved with the help of a

human. But until now, Facebook has been reluctant to acknowledge that we're better curators of our feed than an algorithm.

The social media giant, which exists purely because of content generated by its users, has historically had a disparaging view of letting us tweak how we use it. From rearranging our timeline by what's "Most Relevant" to still not having a way to replace baby photos with cats, Facebook's philosophy has been to take the user out of the experience whenever possible.

That ended with some new features that at least address one of the site's biggest problems with an algorithm-curated feed: missing posts from the most important people in our lives.

- Tell Facebook not just who you want to see less of, but who you want to see more of. All posts by the people (and businesses) you put on this list will be displayed top of your feed.
- Has the friend you unfollowed when they wouldn't stop

talking about Game of Thrones reformed their ways? Now you can see a list of the people you have unfollowed and determine whether they've got more things to talk about now.

- Unlike Twitter's grab-bag email recommendations that arrive every time you follow someone new, Facebook will make a list of people, groups and businesses you can follow based on pages you've liked in the past.

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Office loafers can be a drag, but sometimes it's best to turn a blind eye and let your boss deal with their negligence. ISTOCK

Rising above your slacking co-worker

PRODUCTIVITY

Don't let a lazy colleague get you down in the dumps

OFFICE RELATIONS

Eleni Deacon



You scarf down lunch at your desk, Alex takes a 90-minute stroll. You spend all day answering emails, Alex catches up on Facebook. And when 5 p.m. hits, he's out the door — while you're stuck wrapping up loose ends until dinnertime.

Loafer co-workers can be a persistent drag. Not only can they seem oblivious to the volume of work they should actually be tackling, it's often their peers who must make

up for their slacking. When faced with a colleague who won't carry their weight, don't seethe — seek relief.

Start by evaluating the sloth's impact on your workload and output. Is their laissez-faire approach actually hindering your performance or is it merely irritating to watch them chill out while you stress out? In the latter case, the problem isn't so much about their work ethic as your reaction to it. Rather than resenting them, try to ignore them.

Constantly covering their tracks? There's an out: Stop. By picking up where their laziness leaves off, you enable their apathy. Provided you won't get blamed in the process, consider turning a blind eye next time they might miss a deadline. Better your boss notices their negligence — and takes action — than prolonging an unfair cycle in which you spend hours compensating for someone

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else's hour-long breaks.

When a conversation becomes necessary, talk directly to your co-worker before raising your complaints with the higher-ups. Avoid being accusatory; your concerns will have more oomph if you lead with curiosity. Ask about their work style and whether there's a reason they've fallen behind.

What you take for lethargy could just be a different way of doing things. Their pace might be slow because they pay meticulous attention to detail, or they may be confused about a project's requirements. Try to

understand each other's perspective and establish a concrete division of work.

If you're still sweating while they're vegging, it's time to bring in your boss. Again, put your emphasis on examples rather than gripes. Point to specific ways in which your colleague's carelessness has affected your output, keeping the discussion centred closely on work rather than personal grievances. Although it's fair to address how a co-worker's disinterest has affected your ability to do your job, it's best not to seem like a tattler. Don't vent frustrated feelings — focus on facts.

Some slugs will never perk up. And while their inertia can be infuriating, it can also be time-wasting. Try not to obsess over how little progress someone else is making on their daily tasks. Instead, concentrate on how far you can go in your career.

The stuck stops here

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

Feeling stuck? Here's how to get out of any sticky situation

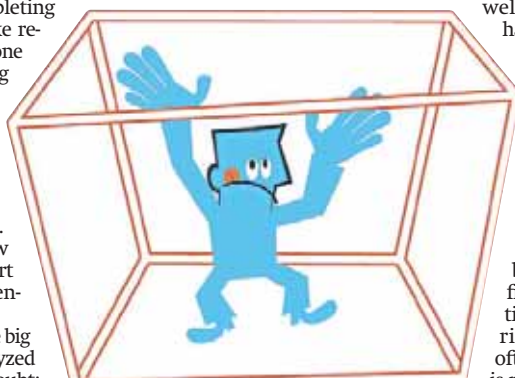
Everyone gets stuck. Sometimes we get tripped up completing the simplest tasks — like retrieving a file from someone else's computer or picking what to eat for lunch. Sometimes we run into a mental block when working on a creative project or assignment — like, um, an article about getting unstuck. (Seriously, do you know how long it took to start writing those two sentences?)

And other times it's the big stuff that leaves us paralyzed with indecision or self-doubt: What we want to do with our lives, where we want to live, whether — or when — we want to start a family.

Prof. Bernard Roth, co-founder of the Hasso Plattner Institute of Design at Stanford, teaches an entire class on getting stuff done. His students have to come up with and complete one big task per term — anything from building a rocket to completing a triathlon. And his new book,

The Achievement Habit: Stop Wishing, Start Doing, and Take Command of Your Life, applies the insights gleaned from 40 years of teaching people how to achieve their goals.

We asked Roth for some suggestions on how to get started already.



ISTOCK

Reframe your problem

The reason why so many people get stuck? Because, Roth says, they're often asking the wrong question, or identifying the wrong thing as the problem.

“For example, the other day I rented a car, and I couldn't find where the release was for the gas tank cap,” he explains. “I spent about 20 minutes trying

to find the release button before I saw a similar car getting gas. I went over, and I said, ‘Where did you get the release?’ He said, ‘There is no release — just open the cap.’”

So if Roth had asked himself “How do I get the cap open?” instead of “How do I find the release button?” — well, he wouldn't have had a problem at all.

This works for not only the most mundane everyday tasks, but the monumental ones too. Says Roth: “If people back off and reframe their question and find the right problem, often the answer is right there.”

Draw it out

In his book, Roth includes 22 exercises that can help readers conquer a mental block, and a lot of them include visuals — from storyboards to mind maps to all sorts of diagrams. Roth says visuals unleash creative thinking. “Pictures just encapsulate so much more information and nuance. They're more evocative.”

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Cyclists, sharpshooter earn Canadians three more gold

PAN AMS

Batty and Gagne win on bikes, Kiejko with air pistol

Canada has added three more gold to its collection at the Pan Am Games on Sunday.

Emily Batty, of Brooklin, Ont., and Catharine Pendrel of Harvey Station, N.B., finished one-two in the women's mountain biking competition, while Raphael Gagne of Quebec City won the men's race.

Canada's third gold came in shooting, with Calgary's Lynda Kiejko winning the women's 10-metre air pistol. In the women's mountain bike, Batty finished the race in one hour 27 minutes 13 seconds — seven seconds faster than Pendrel.

"It's really just pushing each other," Batty said. "It doesn't matter who's first on the day as long as it's a Canadian. So we got gold and silver, which was amazing."

Pendrel, who won gold in the event at the 2007 Rio Games, is known for setting a strong



It doesn't matter who's first on the day as long as it's a Canadian.

Mountain biker Emily Batty



Emily Batty in the final of the women's event at the Toronto 2015 Pan Am Games on Sunday, Batty won gold and teammate Catharine Pendrel won silver. FRED THORNHILL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

early pace and hoping others can't match it. Batty showed she was up for the challenge.

"Emily and I are really motivated by each other," Pendrel said. "We don't just want to be the best at this race, we want to be the best in the world. You can be the best in the world by pushing the most that you can out of your riding and I think we did that today."

Gagne finished the men's

six-lap race in 1:31:14.

"I think I played it very smart," Gagne said. "I paced myself well, I drank well and I ate well and it played into my favour. I've always been able to start strong but sometimes my finishes were not as strong. But definitely today I finished really, really strong so I'm happy with this."

Kiejko scored 195.7 to win the air pistol and finish ahead



Raphael Gagne holds a Canadian flag after crossing finish line to win gold in the men's mountain bike event at the 2015 Pan Am Games. FRED THORNHILL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

of Mexico's Alejandra Zavala and Lilian Castro of El Salvador.

It was Kiejko's second Pan Am medal. She captured bronze in the same event in 2003.

"This gold medal is especially sweet for me," said Kiejko, who comes from a family of shooters. "Four years ago, my sister won the gold medal in Guadalajara in the same event. It's pretty awesome."

Canada's equestrian team added a silver medal in team dressage.

The day came with some disappointment as Canada failed to medal in the men's triathlon. It's the first time in Pan Am Games history Canada hasn't won a triathlon medal.

Andrew Yorke, of Caledon, Ont., was the top Canadian finisher in seventh place.

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MLB

Jays fall short of comeback

SUNDAY in Kansas



Paulo Orlando broke a tie with an eighth inning homer and Kendrys Morales hit a three-run homer as the Kansas City Royals defeated the Toronto Blue Jays 11-10 after blowing a seven-run advantage Sunday.

The Royals enter the All-Star break with an American League-leading 52 victories. Orlando hit a 2-1 Bo Schultz (0-1) pitch out to left to leadoff the eighth.

Kansas City led 7-0 after five innings, but the Blue Jays sent 12 men to the plate in an eight-run sixth. Danny Valencia and Jose Bautista contributed two-run doubles in the inning.

Seven of the runs were unearned after Mike Moustakas and Omar Infante committed errors. The Royals regained the lead with three in the bottom of the inning with Lorenzo Cain, who had three hits, singling in one run. Alcides Escobar had a RBI on a ground out, while the other run scored on Jose Reyes' second error of the game.

The Jays got a run back in the seventh on a Russell Martin RBI-doubles. Reyes, who had his second straight three-hit game, singled home Kevin Pillar, who had tripled, in the eighth to tie it 10-10.

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Halifax's Ellie Black
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PAN AMS

Halifax's Black leads team to silver in artistic gymnastics

Canadian women's artistic gymnastic team, led by Halifax's Ellie Black, earned silver at the Pan Am Games on Sunday night in Toronto.

The four-member team finished with 166.5 points, second only to the United States, which had a score of 173.8. Brazil took home the bronze.

Black, who represented Canada at the 2012 London Olympics, finished sixth overall, thanks to fourth-place finishes in floor, vault and balance beam. The 19-year-old was 20th in uneven bars.

The medal by Black was one of four won by Nova Scotians on the Games' opening weekend.

Also on Sunday, Brittany Fraser of New Glasgow won silver in equestrian for team dressage.

On Saturday, Michelle Russell of Fall River and Hannah Vaughan of Dartmouth help Canada win gold in the women's K4 500m. The winning time was one minute, 36.495 seconds.

PHILLIP CROUCHER/METRO

MORE MEDALS FOR CANADA

Canuck diver tops podium

Canadian divers continued their dominant run at the Pan American Games on Sunday as Jennifer Abel won gold and Pamela Ware took silver in the women's three-metre springboard.

Abel, from Laval, Que., took the lead after her second dive and cemented it with an incredible third dive that scored 86.70. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rugby gold for women

Canada has won gold in the inaugural women's rugby sevens competition at the Pan American Games.

The Canadian women defeated the U.S. 55-7 at the BMO Field, to go unbeaten in six games at the Pan Am competition. Canada was the top-ranked team in the six-team competition, having finishing second in the Women's Seven Series last season. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Djokovic remains atop men's tennis mountain

TENNIS

Federer denied record eighth Wimbledon championship

Novak Djokovic got the better of Roger Federer at Wimbledon again.

The defending champion outplayed Federer in four sets Sunday to win his third Wimbledon title and ninth Grand Slam championship, cementing his status as the dominant player in the game.

In a repeat of last year's final, won by Djokovic in five sets, the top-ranked Serb overcame the loss of seven set points in the second set and pulled away to beat the seven-time champion 7-6 (1), 6-7 (10), 6-4, 6-3.

The top-seeded Djokovic broke No. 2 Federer four times and saved six of the seven break points he faced. Still in his prime at the age of 28, Djokovic further enhanced his reputation as one of the greats of the game.

In winning the 40th career matchup between the two, Djokovic prevented Federer from winning a record eighth Wimbledon title.

"I was aware coming on the court that Roger was going to play like he always plays — at his best, when it matters the most," Djokovic said. "He makes you push your limits,

he makes you work hard and earn every single point. He's not going to hand you the match."

Djokovic closed out the match by breaking Federer for the second time in the fourth set, hitting an inside-out forehand winner into the open court on the final point. He pumped his arms and screamed, then bent down, plucked some grass from Centre Court and put it in his mouth — just as he did when he won his first title in 2011 and again last year.

"It tasted very, very good this year," Djokovic said. "I don't know what the groundspeople have done, but they've done a great job. It's a little tradition, obviously. As a kid, I was really dreaming of winning Wimbledon, and as every child, you dream to do something crazy when you actually achieve it, if you achieve it, and that was one of the things."

Djokovic equaled the number of Wimbledon titles won by his coach Boris Becker, who won at the All England Club in 1985, '86 and '89.

"We managed to find the right chemistry and he has contributed a lot," Djokovic said. "This is his trophy equally as mine."

Djokovic also became the first man to retain the Wimbledon title since Federer did it in 2007.

"He was tough on the bigger points," Federer said. "Then



Novak Djokovic of Serbia celebrates with the trophy after winning the Final of the Gentlemen's Singles against Roger Federer of Switzerland on Day 13 of the Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships July 12. CLIVE BRUNSKILL/GETTY IMAGES

at the end, he was rock-solid. I thought he played great. I didn't play bad myself. ... That's how it goes."

Sunday's victory evened their career head-to-head record at 20-20, but Djokovic now holds a narrow edge

where it counts the most — 2-1 in Grand Slam finals, 2-1 at Wimbledon and 7-6 in majors overall. The 33-year-old Federer will now have to wait another year to try again to become the first man to win eight Wimbledon singles titles.

In 2012, he equaled Pete Sampras and 1880s player William Renshaw with seven.

"Novak played not only great today but the whole two weeks, plus the whole year, plus last year, plus the year before that," THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Serena Williams celebrates with the Venus Rosewater Dish after her victory at Wimbledon on July 11. JULIAN FINNEY/GETTY IMAGES

WIMBLEDON

Williams again top woman

Serena Williams overcame a slow start, eight double-faults and a nervy finish to beat Garbine Muguruza 6-4, 6-4 on Saturday for her sixth Wimbledon title, fourth Grand Slam championship in a row and 21st major overall.

The win means Williams holds all four Grand Slam titles at once — completing the second "Serena Slam" of her career. What's more, she secured the third leg of a calendar-year Grand Slam and, if she wins the U.S. Open, will become the first player to sweep all four majors in the same season since Steffi Graf in 1988.

Williams, winning her 28th straight Grand Slam match, is now just one major title behind Graf on the Open era list and two behind all-time leader Margaret Court Smith.

At 33, Williams is also the oldest woman to win a Grand Slam title in the Open era. She has now won seven major championships in her 30s.

From 4-2 down in the first set, Williams ran off five straight games to take the set and go up 1-0 in the second. She pulled out to a 5-1 lead and twice served for the match but couldn't convert.

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He makes you push your limits, he makes you work hard and earn every single point.

Novak Djokovic, on Roger Federer

SOCCER

Man City offers up Sterling paycheque

Manchester City is close to making Raheem Sterling the most expensive English soccer player.

A person familiar with the situation said Sunday that Liverpool has reached an agreement with City over the transfer of the England winger for 49 million pounds (\$76 million).

The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss details of a deal that is yet to be completed.



Raheem Sterling
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worth 100,000 pounds a week (\$155,000). THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sterling, who has a contract with Liverpool until 2017, said in an unsanctioned interview with the BBC during last season he had rejected a new deal



IN BRIEF

Star Real Madrid keeper moves to FC Porto

Goalkeeper Iker Casillas is leaving Real Madrid to join Portuguese club FC Porto after 16 seasons in which he helped the Spanish powerhouse win a slew of titles that included three Champions League crowns and five Spanish league trophies.

Madrid announced on its website Saturday that a deal had been reached for Casillas' transfer to Portugal.

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GOLF

Fowler wins Scottish Open by a single shot over Kuchar

Rickie Fowler birdied three of his last four holes to overhaul fellow American Matt Kuchar and win the Scottish Open by one shot on Sunday for his second victory of the year.

Kuchar was on the practice range, preparing for a playoff, when Fowler sent his approach on No. 18 to within 18 inches. He tapped in the putt for a 2-under 68 — the same score as Kuchar — and an overall 12-under 268.

It is the fourth title of Fowl-

er's professional career, coming two months after winning The Players Championship, and the second outside the United States after the Korea Open in 2011. And his links game looks in good shape ahead of next week's British Open at St. Andrews.

Raphael Jacquelin of France birdied the last hole for 70 to tie for second place with Kuchar, and claim one of three British Open places on offer along with third-round

leader Daniel Brooks, the No. 528-ranked Englishman, and Sweden's Rikard Karlberg.

Fowler took the outright lead in the tournament for the first time with his last shot of the week, from the middle of the 18th fairway.

After knocking in the putt, he doffed his cap and acknowledged the crowd. But he had to wait for the final pairing of Jacquelin and Brooks to play the last before really celebrating. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

McGregor backs up talk

UFC

Early Mendes pressure fails as Irishman earns KO win

Conor McGregor spent much of the first two rounds on his back while Chad Mendes threw elbows at his head, and yet his screaming Irish fans kept faith.

During his meteoric rise in the UFC, McGregor has sold his self-confidence with enough flair to turn most anybody into a believer in his invincibility, even in the face of 9 1/2 minutes of contrary evidence.

And when the trash-talking mixed martial arts sensation finally got free late in the second round, he backed up every single word.

McGregor won the interim featherweight title at UFC 189 on Saturday night, stopping Mendes with three seconds left in the second round while emphatically arriving as one of the promotion's biggest stars.

After struggling to break free from Mendes' suffocating wrestling and ground game, McGregor (18-2) finished the fight with a lightning-quick combination after Mendes failed on a submission attempt. A big left hand put Mendes down, and McGregor

+ WELTERWEIGHT

Lawler keeps title

Robbie Lawler stopped Rory MacDonald early in the fifth round at UFC 189 on Saturday night, defending his welterweight title in a spectacularly bloody bout.

Lawler (26-10) battered MacDonald for much of the final four rounds, leaving the Canadian challenger with a badly damaged nose. Lawler finally ended it with a big left hand directly into the face of MacDonald, who rolled onto his back in agony before Lawler finished him 60 seconds into the fifth.

Lawler also was staggered repeatedly by MacDonald, and he barely made it to the bell in the third round of an occasionally jaw-dropping brawl. Both fighters bled profusely in the final rounds, but Lawler persevered for his first successful title defence and his second victory over MacDonald (18-3).

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pounded away for the stoppage before jumping onto the cage in celebration.

"Tonight, I'm going to toast good business," McGregor



Conor McGregor celebrates after defeating Chad Mendes in their interim featherweight title mixed martial arts bout at UFC 189 Saturday in Las Vegas. JOHN LOCHER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

said. "And it was damn good business.... It's a crazy game, and you know, I absolutely love it."

McGregor later sank to his knees in tears, an Irish flag in his hands, while the standing-room-only crowd



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at the MGM Grand Garden Arena roared. The loquacious ex-plumber from Dublin has now made good on just about every boast and threat he ever issued — and there have been thousands.

Mendes (17-3) stepped in for injured featherweight champion Jose Aldo just 2-1/2 weeks ago, and the elite wrestler was in control of the fight until McGregor's heavy hands changed everything in an instant.

Mendes embraced McGregor in sportsmanship after a promotion dominated by high-level trash talk, most of it from a bearded, tattooed Irishman who already looks comfortable with a title belt around his waist.

"I've been hearing all the while that I've been protected from this kind of opponent, that I've been gifted a title shot," McGregor said. "So when my title shot went running and they gave me the challenge I was supposed to be protected from, I (decided) that I'm just going to prove to people that I'm a true fighter."

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IN BRIEF

Stamps to face undefeated Argos

The Calgary Stampeders will try to avoid losing back-to-back games for the first time in three years on Monday night when they host the unbeaten Toronto Argonauts.

It's Calgary's first game in 10 days, leaving the defending Grey Cup champions with plenty of time to stew over last week's 29-11 loss to the Montreal Alouettes.

"The important thing is that we take advantage of the rest that we got, take advantage of the extra time to prepare and go out and play a good football game," said Stampeders coach and general manager John Hufnagel.

Calgary quarterback Bo Levi Mitchell has had a slow start to the season, throwing just one touchdown pass while being intercepted three times. His touchdown to interceptions ratio was 22-to-8 last year.

Mitchell gets a big weapon back this week in wide receiver Jeff Fuller.

Fuller had nine catches for 164 yards in Week 1. He missed last week's game with soreness in the same knee which he had season-ending surgery on last October after tearing the MCL.

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Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 10-15 minutes

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 lb salmon filet
- 1 cup grape tomatoes, sliced in half
- 3/4 cup canned black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1/2 cup diced ripe avocado
- 1/2 cup diced yellow bell pepper
- 1/4 cup diced red onion
- 2 Tbsp lemon juice
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 tsp minced jalapeno peppers

- 1/2 tsp minced garlic
- Salt and pepper
- 3 Tbsp chopped cilantro or parsley

Directions

1. Grill or roast salmon at 425 F for 10 minutes per inch of thickness.

2. Meanwhile, add remaining ingredients to serving bowl. Mix well and place on serving platter with salmon over top.

Nutrition per serving

- Calories 390
- Protein 37 g
- Carbohydrates 19 g
- Fat 17 g
- Saturated fat 2.5 g
- Cholesterol 95 mg
- Sodium 380 mg
- Fibre 4 g

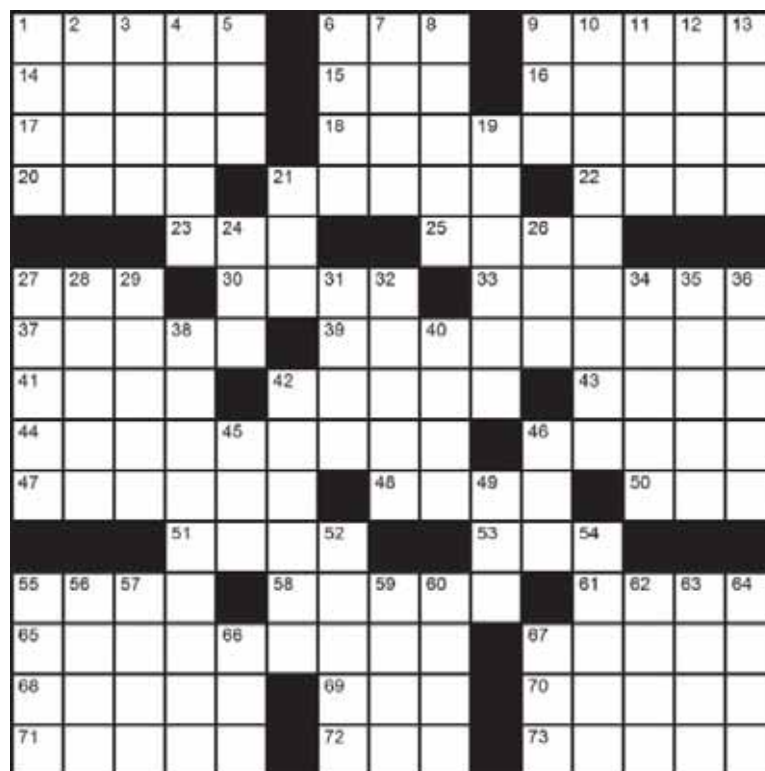
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ACROSS

1. __ Sainte-Marie (Cree singer/songwriter who is an Officer of the Order of Canada)
6. Medical pro
9. Extract metal from ore
14. Droplet-looking throat part
15. Jeff Lynne's gr.
16. Racecar driver Mr. Castroneves
17. Baseball great Mr. Jeter
18. Interac user's access code: 2 wds.
20. Pronounces
21. Tend the fire
22. Brewer's kiln
23. Gardening tool
25. Incision leftover
27. Photo __ (PR events)
30. "___ there, done that."
33. Snugly warm
37. Red Hot __ Peppers
39. Classic uniform hue for the CFL's Bombers: 2 wds.
41. __ Saint-Luc, Quebec
42. The White Cliffs of __ (Coastline attraction in England)
43. Dryer's fluff
44. #1-Across' famous protest song: "___ Soldier"
46. Citi Field baseball player, ___
47. Go back on a deal
48. Oodles
50. Tokyo, formerly
51. Ore deposit
53. __ degree



55. Ice floes animal
58. __ ray gun (Sci-Fi weapon)
61. American singer Ms. King, daughter of SNL alum Rob Schneider
65. Art of making a dead animal still look alive
67. Extraterrestrial

68. "It's so easy, __ can do it!"
69. Max. or min., as per speed
70. New album by #1-Across: 'Power in the __'
71. Shoe heel style
72. Code for White-horse's internation-

- al airport
73. Belonging to Hartford's li'l state

DOWN

1. Pre-leaf forms
2. Iris spot
3. Rage
4. Nudist colony sight
5. Tibetan ox
6. Store section, shortly
7. Mixture
8. __ out (Stops running)
9. Moo __ pork (Take-out dish)
10. Unforgettably
11. Napoleon's

- exile isle
12. Fibs
13. Wrongdoing, in law
19. Fruit juice
21. View
24. Geisha's outfit accessory
26. ISP, e.g.
27. Happen
28. Communications device
29. '60s-style protest
31. Ancient love god
32. Stars that suddenly shine brightly
34. Snail's trail
35. Adjusted the guitar's strings
36. Bryan Adams' "The Best Was __ Come"
38. Evening out
40. Shout
42. River excavator
45. Self-pride
46. Tuktoyaktuk locale, briefly
49. Bambi's aunt
52. Ahead of time
54. Common greeting
55. Slow-cooked meal
56. Icicle holder
57. Chopped
59. Gladiator's 2009
60. "Hey Hey, __ (Into the Black)" by Neil Young & Crazy Horse
62. Safari roarer
63. Kings of __ (Rock band)
64. Breaks off
66. Board game cube
67. TV network

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
A relationship problem must be dealt with this very moment. If you leave it any longer the window of opportunity you have to make things better will close once and for all. Whatever the issue is, find ways to get over it.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You simply don't care if some of the things you say offend other people — in fact you want it to happen. You will choose your words for maximum impact today.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Try not to worry about money matters today because there is nothing you can do to change things. Use your imagination to visualize being rich and secure. What you imagine today will be your reality tomorrow.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Whatever you suggest, people seem determined to do the opposite. You could try to be smart and sell them a bluff. Suggest they do what you actually don't want them to do. It's an obvious trick but it might just work.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Why are you panicking? What could go wrong? With so much cosmic activity in the most sensitive area of your chart you have a tendency to look on the dark side. Lighten up, it's life!

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Why do you believe you have to prove yourself to people you hardly know? You are under no obligation to perform for their delight. If anything it should be the other way around.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Don't try too hard to make a name for yourself over the next few days because the planets warn you could end up with a name you don't like. You don't have to keep a low profile but you do have to play by the rules.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Somehow you will know in an instant what the people you deal with are thinking and feeling. That makes it easier for you to predict what they are going to do next, maybe even before they know it themselves.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Your confidence may take a bit of a dip over the next few days. Mind you, your self-belief is usually so high that most people will still think you're incredible.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Be on your guard if someone offers you something for nothing today. It could be their generosity is not all it seems and you'll be expected to do something in return. Know the deal before you agree.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
The harder you work the more work there seems still to do but you will get there in the end. Keep moving along at a steady pace.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Throw yourself body and soul into what you are working on and believe that it will all come right in the end. The moment you start worrying is the moment you begin to lose focus and momentum.

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